

## REMARKS

At the time the Office Action issued, claims 1 – 26 were pending.

The Office Action requires a restriction to be made to one of the following inventions as identified in Numbered paragraph 1 of the Office Action:

- I. Claims 1-12, drawn to a method of marking the location of a tubular joint;  
and
- II. Claims 13 – 26, drawn to a method of interconnecting tubulars by forge  
welding.

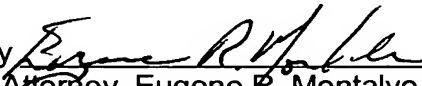
Without traverse, Applicant elects the invention underlying group I to be examined.

Claims to the not elected invention II have been canceled.

Respectfully submitted,

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